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SUBJECT: IBRD/IMF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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1. MFA INSISTS THAT NORDICS HAVE NOT RPT NOT REACHED A
DECISION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. THE SWEDES (AND
THE REST OF THE NORDICS, ACCORDING TO OUR CONTACT) ARE
"VERY DISAPPOINTED" IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DC, AND DIS-
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CUSSED THE SUBJECT AT LENGTH IN OSLO. THE SUBJECT IS ALSO
ON THE AGENDA OF TALKS NOW TAKING PLACE IN HELSINKI. HOW-
EVER, A DECISION IS NOT VERY LIKELY AT THIS TIME. THE
SWEDES, AT LEAST, SEEM TO WISH TO WAIT UNTIL THEY KNOW
MORE ABOUT LDC ATTITUDES BEFORE DECIDING TO SUPPORT
ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD ABOLISH THE COMMITTEE.

2. THE SWEDES WOULD CLEARLY LIKE TO SEE CHANGES MADE. OUR CONTACT BELIEVES THE MAIN PROBLEM HAS BEEN A LACK OF POLITICAL WILL. PRIMARILY THIS LACK HAS COME FROM THE "BIG NATIONS," BUT HE FEELS A SIMILAR LACK AMONG SOME LDCS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THE VARIETY OF FORA DISCUSSING SIMILAR PROBLEMS. WE HAVE THE DISTINCT FEELING THAT SWEDES, AT LEAST, WOULD SUPPORT MEASURES MENTIONED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL (AND WHICH WE PARAPHRASED TO HIM). ANOTHER SUGGESTION THE SWEDES SAY THEY ARE CONSIDERING IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE DC BECOME SOLELY AN IBRD COMMITTEE (SWEDES DO NOT KNOW WHERE THE PROPOSAL ORIGINATED).

3. MFA WOULD WELCOME MORE DETAILED PRESENTATION OF US PROPOSALS. ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF US PRESENTATION ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE COULD PASS ON POSITION PAPER BEFORE DELEGATION DEPARTS FOR SEPTEMBER 6 MEETING.

4. IN RELATED COMMENT, MINECON OFFICIAL TOLD US SWEDES HAVE BEEN UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO SCHEDULE G-10 AT 1500 ON SEPTEMBER 23. HE INTERPRETS THIS AS DESIRE BY LARGER COUNTRIES TO HAVE A LEGITIMATE EXCUSE TO DART OUT OF THE OFTEN EMBARRASSING DISCUSSIONS IN THE DC. WHEN SWEDEN TELEXED PARTICIPANTS THAT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER DC ADJOURNS, OR AROUND 1600, AT LEAST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE COUNTRY SIMPLY REPLIED THEY WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT THE 1600 TIME FRAME, AND IGNORED THE DC RESERVATION.
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